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Weymouth

Tuesday

October 24th 71

I had nearly completed my
notes & recollections of the
Anti Slavery Fair when yours
of yesterday came in. I think
you will find in the sheets
I send you with this, answers to
most of the questions you
propose. I have certainly given
you all the information now
required respecting the first 3 fairs
& as it happens, in my dis-
cussive way of doing or rather
telling, things I have noticed ^{already}.

about which you enquire
that matter of the first
disaffection, which broke out
after smouldering a good
while in the "Clarendon paper",
in the Midsummer of 1837
It was a curious document
signed by three ^{or 5} very insignificant
orthodox ministers who were
^{collectively} used as a cat's paw by much
more important men.

The battle of the "Clarendon
paper" was fought & won
at Worcester where a meet-
ing of the Mass. Anti Slavery
Society was held to examine
the matter. I was there &
it was a very exciting & a
rich occasion - You may have

been there ^{two} as it was in your
neighbourhood but you
were perhaps not living
at Leicester then.

I shall never forget the
wretched & hangdog look
of the two clergy men present
as it were on trial, they
were the Rev ^{Chas} Fitch & Town-
the former ~~the~~ pastor of the
Free church, then recently
established at the Marlborough
Chapel - the third being
the Rev. Jonas Perkins ^(now Weymouth minister) was not
present. Many men were
there ready to join the enemy
but not daring to come out
openly ^{hostile} - & all the cunning &
craftiness in the world was

employed. - to try to comfort
& uphold the poor wretches, who
without compromising them-
selves. I did not pity the
appealers ^{then} ~~now~~ but I think
that they needed pity for they
had been, as it were, bought
& sold by Lewis Tappan's force,
& I don't doubt that ^{Mr} Fitch
who was a great stout man,
evidently in good health, &
with ~~a~~ good prospects before
him, really suffered in his
conscience ^{& felt his misdeeds & position.} - his health soon
failed & he died before the
battle was really joined (for
the struggle lasted a long time)
on his death bed he made
confession that he had done
this from base & worldly
motives.

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I have enclosed in the envelope
you sent which I received this
morning your letter for which
many thanks. I have made
a note or two in your letter
& enclosed some statistics of
the first fair which I think
^{answer}
~~include~~ precisely the questions
you ask. You had stated them
in a previous letter. I

am very sorry not to be
able to go through the whole
series but we have no files
of Liberator or Standard -
& I have no journals or
notes relating to those times
I had information respect-
ing the Mt. Fair & if you
wish to read the reports of

the several frights in
the Boston Female Anti
Slavery Society, I can
lend them to you, they
were published in a Liberator
Extra - & I imagine can
hardly be found now.
You would find it very
amusing I am sure.

There will be no difficulty
in obtaining all the needed
information about the
~~the~~ Fair after, 41. as full
reports of all our proceedings
were always printed in both
"Liberator" & A. S. Standard
The Boston Library has a

complete file of the "Liberator"
I hope that Mr Wilson
will go through with it to
the end - & I wish that
you would mention ^{to him} when you
come to ^{help us in} Boston - I know
that you had been at work
in Leicester for a long time
I well remember my brother
in law - H. G. Chapman going
into your neighborhood,
I think, on some A. S. business
& his pleasure in seeing
you - & his regrets that you
were not in Boston. Also
~~the~~ ^{my} mention the time when
your dear Mother adopted
the Fair which ^{has} owed her
so much. I will hasten
now to give you some

account of the "Liberty Bell"
It occurred to Mrs Chapman
while we were preparing
for the Jan of '39 that we
might publish some sort
of book to illustrate the
Fair by obtaining literary
contributions from Friends of
the Cause; & then we re-
membered that our beloved
& lamented Ann Greene Chapman
had ^{had} the idea of filling an
Album with contributions from
Anti-Slavery Friends - & had
made a beginning. - In the
last hours of her life she desired
that the book should be given
to Anne W. Weston who would
carry out her idea - many
articles were written for it -

in the two years following.
& it was decided that some of
them should be used for our
book - It ^{the book} was called the
"Liberty bell" recalling the
Philadelphia Bell with
its motto "Proclaim Liberty
"throughout the land to all
"the inhabitants thereof" ^{on the Bell}
The motto which always pleased
me much, was furnished by
Mr Ellis Gray Loring. ~~many~~
The articles in the first
"Liberty bell" were taken
from the album I have
mentioned. Among them
was Phelps' lines addressed
to men & women who were
in the cause from 31 to 35.

copy of it
to be
disposed
of
as
you
see
fit

from
Carol
Weston
I
very
appreciate
it
Carol
Weston

The story of entitled
"Mother Cælia" by
Mr Edmund Quincy,
which was written for
the album long before
the Liberty bell was printed
at Cambridge at the
Cambridge press & true
date 1839. & as the subsequent
numbers were afterwards
supposed to be published at
the New-York, there remains
always a seeming gap
between the "Bell" of 1839
& that of 41 - we always
called the first Liberty bell
the "Bell" of 1839 & 40.

If I am not mistaken
there were 15 Liberty bells

The money necessary to the
publication of the Liberty bells
was always raised by Mrs
Chapman among her per-
sonal friends & the friends
of the cause. Most of the
numbers were edited by her.
a few of them by Anne
W. Weston. no part of the
expenses for printing &
binding came from the Fair
at any time.

I think this is all I have
to say about the Liberty
bells which certainly contained

Many antislavery testimonies
& much good literature
Elizabeth Browning gave
us two of her most
remarkable poems. &
some of the Lowell's best
things first appeared in
the Liberty Bell. Mrs Maria
Lowell, contributed some
very beautiful poems.
Dr Browning never forgot
us. The Fugitive Slaves
apostrophe to the North Star
will be remembered as one
of the most touching of the
Pierpont's A.S. poems.
Our time forbids me to record

which she
sent L. B. & H. H.

contributions
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and the
all the

First Antislavery
Fair

Held at the hall of the
Office of the Massachusetts
Anti Slavery Society

Dec 16th 1834

open one day

Receipts \$360,

Second A. S. Fair

Held at the house of Mr
Henry Chapman

No. 6 Chauncy place

Dec. 23^d 1835

open two days but
not open in the evenings

Receipts amounted to
\$343

this Fair was not advertised

Third Anti Slavery
Fair

Held at the Hall of the
Free Engineers.

better known as the
Artists' Gallery
Summer Street.

on the 22^d Dec. 1836.

open one day.

Receipts \$550,

Fourth Anti Slavery
Fair

Held in Hall no 1

Marlborough Chapel

Washington Street

on the 20th Dec. 1837

open two days

Receipts \$800.

Fifth Anti-slavery
Fair

Held in Marlboro Chapel
Washington Street

by the disaffected members
of the Boston Female
Anti-slavery Society

I have no knowledge of
its date or its proceedings

The Fair was not attended
by the the Ladies who had
hitherto sustained the Fair
the Fair, & whose labours
had secured the success of
this Fair - they on the
contrary gave their countenance
& aid to a Fair held at
Lyman for the support of
the "Liberator"

The receipts of the 5th Fair
were \$1100,

It will be observed that this 5th Fair which
at the last moment
was made to aid the Anti-faultful, ~~proposed~~ by
the labours of the persons & the Soc. they were seeking to engage

Sixth Anti Slavery
Fair
Held at the Marlborough
Chapel

Halls 1. & 2.
opened on the 29th October
1839
& was open several days

Receipts \$ 15 00

The M^o "Liberty Bell"
was published at this Fair

The 7th Anti Slavery Fair
Held in the halls of
the Marlborough Chapel
was held on Dec 22^d 1840

Receipts \$ 2001.

This Fair was ~~conducted~~ finished by a Service
in the large hall 300 covers.

The 8th Anti Slavery
Fair
was held at Amory
Hall corner of West-
Street & Washington St-

I have no means of ascertaining
any of the Statistics of
this or the following Fairs
but the full reports in the
files of the Liberator will
give every information as
after this time the full
accounts ^{reports} were carefully made
& published — I cannot
recollect how long the Fair
continued at Amory Hall
on the date of our getting

into Faneuil Hall but
all the facts can be
easily ascertained & the
Boston Library has a
complete file of the
"Liberator" & the same
reports were also published
in the "American Anti-
Slavery Standard" New
York.

Manuscript of the
First Term

for the year 1800-1801
as far as the history of the

collection of the same is
concerned

Statistics of the
First Term

For exact and more extend-
ed accts see Notes &
recollections of Terms which I
send with this C^o